

from Canada. At least 65 species of fish live in the Detroit River, including millions of walleye.

This innovative legislation enhances public-private partnerships for conservation and habitat restoration. I want to thank the many area businesses and groups that developed the conservation vision for the refuge.

George W. Bush

The White House,
December 21, 2001.

NOTE: H.R. 1230, approved December 21, was assigned Public Law No. 107-91.

Statement on Signing the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001

December 21, 2001

Today I have signed into law S. 494, the "Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001." This Act symbolizes the clear bipartisan resolve in the United States to promoting human rights, good governance, and economic development in Africa. My Administration shares fully the Congress' deep concerns about the political and economic hardships visited upon Zimbabwe by that country's leadership. I hope the provisions of this important legislation will support the people of Zimbabwe in their struggle to effect peaceful democratic change, achieve economic growth, and restore the rule of law.

Section 4(c) of the Act purports to direct the executive branch to oppose and vote against the extension of loans or the cancellation of debt in international financial institutions unless and until I make a certification or national interest determination. I am concerned that this provision burdens my constitutional authority in the area of foreign affairs to conduct negotiations and cast votes in international organizations. I will construe the provision as being subject to my exclusive authority to negotiate or vote in international financial institutions.

George W. Bush

The White House,
December 21, 2001.

NOTE: S. 494, approved December 21, was assigned Public Law No. 107-99.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 17

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President has invited Prime Minister Leszek Miller of Poland to visit Washington, DC, on January 11, 2002.

December 18

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the Homeland Security Council. He also had telephone conversations with congressional Democrats concerning proposed economic stimulus legislation. Later, he met with congressional leaders to discuss proposed economic stimulus legislation, and he also gave them White House Christmas ornaments as holiday gifts.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Constantine Simitis of Greece to Washington, DC, on January 10, 2002.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharon Brown-Hruska to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Dorn to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to designate John Thomas Korsmo as Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

December 19

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to express holiday wishes and discuss U.S.-Russian relations. Later, he had

intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, the President went to the U.S. Capitol to meet with House Democrats and bipartisan congressional leaders concerning proposed economic stimulus legislation. He also met with the House and Senate Republican conference members to discuss proposed economic stimulus legislation and congratulate them on their accomplishments of the past year.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Valdas Adamkus of Lithuania to Washington, DC, on January 23, 2002.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit of Turkey to Washington, DC, on January 16, 2002.

December 20

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti to discuss cooperation against terrorism. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings and then met with the Homeland Security Council.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul S. Atkins and Cynthia A. Glassman to be Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Helen Mercer Witt, Chair, Ira F. Jaffe, and David P. Twomey to the President's Emergency Board No. 237.

December 21

In the afternoon, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Y. Tomlinson and Steven J. Simmons to be members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Howard Anthony Schmidt to be Vice Chair of the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted December 20

Paul S. Atkins,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2003, vice Arthur Levitt, Jr., resigned.

Dan Gregory Blair,
of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, vice John U. Sepulveda, resigned.

Nancy Southard Bryson,
of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, vice Charles R. Rawls, resigned.

Linda Morrison Combs,
of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, vice Sallyanne Harper.

Cynthia A. Glassman,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2006, vice Laura S. Unger, term expired.

William Leidinger,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, vice Rodney A. McCowan, resigned.

Matthew D. Orwig,
of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice John Michael Bradford, resigned.

Eve Slater,
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice David Satcher, resigned.